

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for the 2025 BCS annual conference can be submitted in the following clinical categories:

- ACHD/valve disease/pericardial disease/cardiomyopathy
- Acute coronary syndromes & Interventional Cardiology
- Allied Health Professionals/Nursing/Health Scientists
- Cardiac Rhythm Management
- Heart Failure
- Imaging
- Stable IHD/Prevention/Hypertension/Lipids

The deadline for all Clinical abstracts is 23:59 on Sunday 9 March 2025.

Basic Science

The deadline for Basic Science abstracts is 23:59 on 9 March 2025.

Submitting an abstract – instructions for both Clinical and Basic Science abstracts

- You will need to submit your abstract through the online abstract submission portal.
- Abstracts cannot be saved and re-edited before the final deadline, so please make sure you check that everything is correct before submitting.
- You must click 'Submit' before the abstract deadline, otherwise your abstract will not be accepted for the BCS Conference.
- Abstracts cannot be submitted after the deadline. The site will close for submission and late entries to these categories cannot be processed.
- Authors do not need to be members of the BCS
- All submitted abstracts must not have been accepted for publication elsewhere at the time of submission
- Multiple abstracts around the same subject or using the same dataset (salami publication) is discouraged and may be penalised by the markers where it is felt that the data could have been better presented as a single abstract
- If the abstract is accepted, one of the authors must be available to present the
 abstract at the BCS Annual Conference. First authors must be aware that if more
 than two abstracts are accepted into a single category then it may be necessary
 to nominate a co-author to present at the Conference in addition. Failure to



present an accepted abstract may result in a three-year submission ban for all authors

- Please note that you cannot co-present an abstract with a fellow co-author
- Please note that if there are any changes to the presenting author for the abstract, you will need to email <u>abstracts@bcs.com</u> with details and copy in all the co-authors associated with the abstract.
- You are not able to edit the list authors of the abstract after it has been fully submitted; so please make sure that all author information is correctly entered and in the correct order.

Formatting the abstract

- Abstract Title upper case letters only (max 250 characters including spaces)
- Abstract Text mixed case letters (max 3,000 characters including spaces)
 Please structure your abstract with a brief Introduction, explanation of basic
 Methods, Results and Conclusions
- Tables your table should not exceed 10 rows and five columns to maintain legibility. The BCS reserves the right to withdraw an abstract if the tables are illegible. A maximum of two tables are allowed per abstract.
- **Graphs** should be inserted as image files (see below)
- Images can be submitted as JPG & PNG formats. They will be reproduced at a maximum size of 8cm X 8cm and should be legible at this size, please do make sure that any text is readable on the images. A maximum of two graphs (images), each with single x-y axis, are allowed in an image, and a maximum of two images per abstract. Images should be saved and supplied as JPG or PNG files, at a minimum resolution of 150 dpi
- You will need to enter three keywords associated with your abstract when submitting
- You will also need to upload a full copy of your abstract in Word format for administration purposes. Please use the upload file button to upload your document during the submission process.
- Figure legends/captions are not included in the 3000 character count limit.

Results of the judging process

- Only the submitting author of the abstract will be notified by email by the end of April, beginning of May 2025 if your abstract has been accepted or not. Details of day/time, poster preparation and oral moderation will be included at this time.
 If the submitting author is not the presenting author of the abstract, it is their responsibility to forward the email on to the presenting author and not BCS.
- The top three rated abstracts in each category will be presented orally in the 'Best of the Best' session with a prize being awarded to the top scoring abstract at the closing ceremony.

Young Investigators Award

The deadline for submissions for the Young Investigators Award is 23:59 on Sunday 9 March 2025. The submission is a separate process from that governing the poster abstracts and consists of a brief communication including the abstract, an introduction, methods, results, discussion and figure legends. Research work submitted as a poster abstract can also be submitted in the YIA competition. Please see the separate submission details for the Young Investigators Award competition.